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In re Application of  
PROKOSKI, FRANCINE J.  
Application No. 09/329,217  
Filed: June 10, 1999  
For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
ALIGNMENT, COMPARISON &  
IDENTIFICATION OF CHARACTERISTIC  
TOOL MARKS, INCLUDING BALLISTIC  
SIGNATURES**

**DECISION ON PETITION  
TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF  
ABANDONMENT**

This is a decision on the Petition to Revive Application and Request for re-mailing of Notice of Allowance and Allowability, filed June 17, 2004. The petition is being treated as a petition to withdraw holding of abandonment.

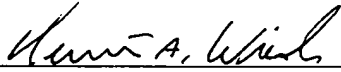
This application was held abandoned for failure to timely file the Issue fee in response to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due mailed February 19, 2003. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed July 9, 2003.

Petitioner has provided a date stamped post card receipt showing that a Power of Attorney and change of address was filed December 23, 2003. The Power of Attorney changed the correspondence address prior to the mailing of the Notice of Allowance on February 19, 2003. The Notice of Allowance was mistakenly mailed to a previous correspondence address resulting in an irregularity in mailing.

In view of the above stated reasons the holding of abandonment is withdrawn. The Notice of Allowance mailed February 19, 2003 is vacated.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application file will be forwarded to the Technology Center's technical support staff for preparing a new Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due and for re-mailing the Notice of Allowability. The three month statutory period for payment of the issue fee will be re-started to begin on the mailing date of the new Notice of Allowance.



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